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Honorable Carla E. Craig United States Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of New York 271-C Cadman Plaza East, Suite 1595 Brooklyn, New York 11201-1800

Re: Campbell v. Citibank, N.A., et al., Case No. 14-45990 (CEC), Adv. Pro. No. 15-01038 (CEC)

Dear Judge Craig:

The New York City Bankruptcy Assistance Project ("<u>NYC BAP</u>"), MFY Legal Services, Inc. ("<u>MFY</u>") and New York Legal Assistance Group ("<u>NYLAG</u>"), through their undersigned counsel, hereby request permission to file a Brief of *Amici Curiae* in the above-referenced adversary proceeding in opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint [Docket No. 18] (the "<u>Motion</u>").

NYC BAP, MFY's Low-Income Bankruptcy Project and NYLAG's Consumer Protection Project provide free bankruptcy assistance and representation to low-income residents of New York City. The issues raised in the Motion, including whether private student loans may be excepted from discharge under Section 523(a)(8)(A)(ii) of the Bankruptcy Code, are of critical importance to the individuals served by NYC BAP, MFY and NYLAG. Bankruptcy Courts, including in this District, have routinely permitted the filing of *Amicus Curiae* briefs. *See, e.g., In re Armstrong,* 408 B.R. 559, 561 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. 2009), as amended (July 20, 2009); *In re Ginaldi,* 463 B.R. 314, 316 n.1 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 2011); *In re Cotte,* No. 05-19711, 2009 WL 3753891, at *1 (Bankr. N.D.N.Y. Nov. 5, 2009); *In re Enron Corp.,* 323 B.R. 857, 861 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2005); *In re Carrow,* 315 B.R. 8, 11 (Bankr. N.D.N.Y. 2004).

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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